

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO.98-521-C - ORDER NO. 98-995  
DECEMBER 15, 1998

IN RE: Application of Chester Telephone Company ) ORDER GRANTING  
for Approval of Extraordinary Retirement of ) EXTRAORDINARY  
Remote Digital Central Office Equipment in ) RETIREMENT  
the Lewisville Exchange. )

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Chester Telephone Company (Chester or the Company) for approval of extraordinary retirement of remote digital central office equipment in the Lewisville exchange. The Company seeks to amortize the unrecovered cost of the equipment over 3.5 years. This equipment was scheduled to be amortized over a remaining period of 3.6 years, and the Company has filed to retire it over a period of 3.5 years. The retirement will have no effect on local rates. The Company noticed the matter as per the instructions of the Executive Director. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

We have considered the matter, and believe that, since the retirement will have no effect on local rates, that the Application should be granted as filed. It is therefore approved.

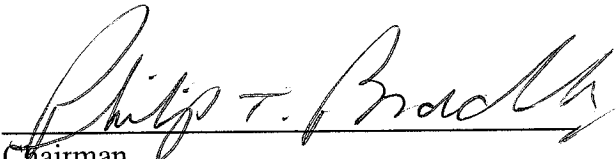
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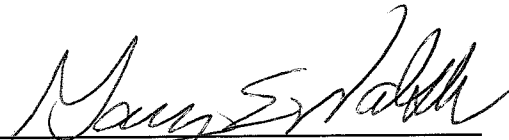
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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